

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the cross-reference section of the present specification has been updated. Furthermore, claims 2-4, 16, 19-20, 26-33, and 36-39 have been cancelled. New claim 40 has been added. Original claims 1, 5, 14, and 17 have been amended to further define Applicants' invention and are similar to those previously examined in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/754,988. Support for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the original specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support for the amendment to claim 1 and new claim 40 can be found in Table 1 on page 8 and original claims 2-4. Claim 15 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 17-18 have been amended in view of the cancellation of claim 16. No new matter has been added.

Consideration of this amendment, prompt examination and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would further expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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